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1. Introduction

A sample $\tilde{x}_1^{(1)}, \dots, \tilde{x}_{N_1}^{(1)}$ is drawn from the normal distribution $N(\tilde{\mu}^{(1)}, \tilde{\Sigma})$, and a sample $\tilde{x}_1^{(2)}, \dots, \tilde{x}_{N_2}^{(2)}$ is drawn from $N(\tilde{\mu}^{(2)}, \tilde{\Sigma})$. The p -component mean vectors $\tilde{\mu}^{(1)}$ and $\tilde{\mu}^{(2)}$ and the common covariance matrix $\tilde{\Sigma}$ are unknown; it is assumed that $\tilde{\mu}^{(1)} \neq \tilde{\mu}^{(2)}$ and $\tilde{\Sigma}$ is non-singular. Another observation \tilde{x} is drawn. It is desired to classify this observation as coming from $N(\tilde{\mu}^{(1)}, \tilde{\Sigma})$ or $N(\tilde{\mu}^{(2)}, \tilde{\Sigma})$. [See T. W. Anderson (1951) or T. W. Anderson (1958), Chapter 6.]

The observation \tilde{x} may be classified by means of the classification statistic

$$(1) \quad W = (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} [\tilde{x} - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} + \tilde{x}^{(2)})],$$

$$(2) \quad \tilde{x}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \tilde{x}_j^{(1)}, \quad \tilde{x}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{N_2} \sum_{j=1}^{N_2} \tilde{x}_j^{(2)},$$

$$(3) \quad n\tilde{S} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} (\tilde{x}_j^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(1)}) (\tilde{x}_j^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(1)})' + \sum_{j=1}^{N_2} (\tilde{x}_j^{(2)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)}) (\tilde{x}_j^{(2)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})',$$

and $n = N_1 + N_2 - 2$. The rule is to classify \tilde{x} as coming from $N(\tilde{\mu}^{(1)}, \tilde{\Sigma})$ if $W > c$ and from $N(\tilde{\mu}^{(2)}, \tilde{\Sigma})$ if $W \leq c$, where c may be a constant, particularly 0, or a function of $\tilde{x}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{x}^{(2)}$, and \tilde{S} .

The distribution of W depends on the parameters $\tilde{\mu}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{\mu}^{(2)}$, and $\tilde{\Sigma}$ through the squared Mahalanobis distance

$$(4) \quad \alpha = (\tilde{\mu}^{(1)} - \tilde{\mu}^{(2)})' \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} (\tilde{\mu}^{(1)} - \tilde{\mu}^{(2)}),$$

which can be estimated by

$$(5) \quad a = (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)}).$$

The limiting distribution of W as $N_1 \rightarrow \infty$ and $N_2 \rightarrow \infty$ is normal with variance α and mean $\frac{1}{2} \alpha$ if \tilde{x} is from $N(\mu^{(1)}, \Sigma)$ and mean $-\frac{1}{2} \alpha$ if \tilde{x} is from $N(\mu^{(2)}, \Sigma)$. Bowker and Sitgreaves* (1961) for $N_1 = N_2$ and Okamoto (1963) [with correction, Okamoto (1968)] gave asymptotic expansions of the distribution of $(W - \frac{1}{2} \alpha)/\sqrt{\alpha}$ for \tilde{x} coming from $N(\mu^{(1)}, \Sigma)$ and $(W + \frac{1}{2} \alpha)/\sqrt{\alpha}$ for \tilde{x} coming from $N(\mu^{(2)}, \Sigma)$ to terms of order $1/N_1^2$, $1/N_2^2$, and $1/n^2$ when $N_1 \rightarrow \infty$, $N_2 \rightarrow \infty$, and $N_2/N_1 \rightarrow k$, a finite positive constant. In particular, $\Pr\{W \leq 0\}$ was evaluated.

The statistician, who wants to classify \tilde{x} , may take c to be a constant, perhaps 0, and accept the pair of misclassification probabilities that result. The asymptotic expansion of the distribution of $(W \pm \frac{1}{2} \alpha)/\sqrt{\alpha}$ gives approximate evaluations of these probabilities, which are functions of the unknown parameter α as well as of c .

On the other hand the statistician may want to determine the cut-off point c to adjust the probabilities of misclassification. Since the limiting distribution of $(W - \alpha)/\sqrt{\alpha}$ and $(W + \alpha)/\sqrt{\alpha}$ are $N(0, 1)$ when $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{x}} = \mu^{(1)}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{x}} = \mu^{(2)}$, respectively, a first approximation to the pair of misclassification probabilities is $\Phi(\frac{1}{2} \alpha + c\sqrt{\alpha})$ and $\Phi(-\frac{1}{2} \alpha + c\sqrt{\alpha})$, where $\Phi(a)$ is the cumulative distribution function of the standard normal variate. Since a is an estimate of α , one might base his choice of c on the fact that the limiting distribution of $(W - \frac{1}{2} a)/\sqrt{a}$ and $(W + \frac{1}{2} a)/\sqrt{a}$ are $N(0, 1)$ when $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{x}} = \mu^{(1)}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{x}} = \mu^{(2)}$, respectively. In this paper we make asymptotic expansions of the distribution of $(W - \frac{1}{2} a)/\sqrt{a}$ and $(W + \frac{1}{2} a)/\sqrt{a}$ in these two cases, respectively.

*The coefficients a_{31} and a_{32} should be replaced by $-a_{31}$ and $-a_{32}$, respectively.

2. The Asymptotic Expansion

The statistics \tilde{x} , $\tilde{x}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{x}^{(2)}$, and \tilde{S} are independently distributed according to $N(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\Sigma})$, $N[\tilde{\mu}^{(2)}, (1/N_1)\tilde{\Sigma}]$, $N[\tilde{\mu}^{(2)}, (1/N_2)\tilde{\Sigma}]$, and $W(\tilde{\Sigma}, n)$, respectively; here $\tilde{\mu} = \tilde{\xi}\tilde{x}$ and $W(\tilde{\Sigma}, n)$ denotes the Wishart distribution with n degrees of freedom. We write

$$(6) \quad W - \frac{1}{2} a = (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x} - \tilde{x}^{(1)}) .$$

Then

$$(7) \quad \Pr \left\{ \frac{W - \frac{1}{2} a}{\sqrt{a}} \leq u \right\} = \Pr \left\{ (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x} - \tilde{\mu}) \leq u \sqrt{(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})} + (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{\mu}) \right\} .$$

Since \tilde{x} has the distribution $N(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\Sigma})$ independently of $\tilde{x}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{x}^{(2)}$, and \tilde{S} , the conditional distribution of $(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x} - \tilde{\mu})$ is $N[0, (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} \tilde{\Sigma} \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})]$, and

$$(8) \quad r = \frac{(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x} - \tilde{\mu})}{\sqrt{(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} \tilde{\Sigma} \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})}}$$

has the distribution $N(0, 1)$. Then (7) is

$$(9) \quad \Pr \left\{ \frac{W - \frac{1}{2} a}{\sqrt{a}} \leq u \right\} = \Pr \left\{ r \leq \frac{u \sqrt{(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})} + (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{\mu})}{\sqrt{(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} \tilde{\Sigma} \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})}} \right\} \\ = \Phi \left[\frac{u \sqrt{(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})} + (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{\mu})}{\sqrt{(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})' \tilde{S}^{-1} \tilde{\Sigma} \tilde{S}^{-1} (\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})}} \right] ,$$

where the expectation is with respect to $\tilde{x}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{x}^{(2)}$, and \tilde{S} .

The distribution of W and a is invariant with respect to the transformations $\tilde{x}^* = \tilde{A} \tilde{x} + \tilde{b}$, $\tilde{x}_j^{*(1)} = \tilde{A} \tilde{x}_j^{(1)} + \tilde{b}$, $j = 1, \dots, N_1$, and $\tilde{x}_j^{*(2)} = \tilde{A} \tilde{x}_j^{(2)} + \tilde{b}$, where \tilde{A} is nonsingular. The maximal invariant of these transformations is the distance α , given by (4). We can choose \tilde{A} and \tilde{b} to transform $\tilde{\Sigma}$ to \tilde{I} , $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ to $\delta = (\Delta, 0, \dots, 0)$, where $\Delta = \sqrt{\alpha}$, and μ_1 to 0 . We shall first treat the case where $\mu = \mu_1$.

The vectors $\tilde{x}^{(1)}$ and $\tilde{x}^{(2)}$ and the matrix \tilde{S} are distributed independently. The distribution of $[(\tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)})', \tilde{x}^{(1)'}]'$ is

$$(10) \quad N \left[\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\delta} \\ \tilde{0} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{N_1} + \frac{1}{N_2} \right) \tilde{I} & \frac{1}{N_1} \tilde{I} \\ \frac{1}{N_1} \tilde{I} & \frac{1}{N_1} \tilde{I} \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

Let \tilde{Y} , \tilde{Z} and \tilde{V} be defined by

$$(11) \quad \tilde{x}^{(1)} - \tilde{x}^{(2)} = \tilde{\delta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Y}, \quad \tilde{x}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Z},$$

$$(12) \quad \tilde{S} = \tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V}.$$

Then the joint distribution of $(\tilde{Y}', \tilde{Z}')'$ is

$$(13) \quad N \left[\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{0} \\ \tilde{0} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} n \left(\frac{1}{N_1} + \frac{1}{N_2} \right) \tilde{I} & \frac{n}{N_1} \tilde{I} \\ \frac{n}{N_1} \tilde{I} & \frac{n}{N_1} \tilde{I} \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

Then (9) is

$$(14) \quad \Pr \left\{ \frac{W - \frac{1}{2} a}{\sqrt{a}} \leq u \right\} \\ = \xi \Phi \left[\frac{uv \sqrt{(\delta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Y})' (\tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V})^{-1} (\delta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Y}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (\delta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Y})' (\tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V})^{-1} \tilde{Z}}}{\sqrt{(\delta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Y})' (\tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V})^{-2} (\delta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Y})}} \right].$$

We can write

$$(15) \quad (\tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V})^{-1} = \tilde{I} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V} + \frac{1}{n} \tilde{V}^2 - \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \tilde{V}^3 + \frac{1}{n^2} \tilde{V}^4 - \frac{1}{n^{5/2}} \tilde{V}^5 (\tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V})^{-1},$$

$$(16) \quad (\tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V})^{-2} = \tilde{I} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V} + \frac{3}{n} \tilde{V}^2 - \frac{4}{n^{3/2}} \tilde{V}^3 + \frac{5}{n^{5/2}} \tilde{V}^4 \\ - \frac{1}{n^{5/2}} (6 \tilde{V}^5 + \frac{5}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V}^6) (\tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V})^{-1}.$$

Then (as Taylor series expansions) we have

$$(17) \quad \left[(\delta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Y})' (\tilde{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{V})^{-1} (\delta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{Y}) \right]^{1/2} \\ = \left[\tilde{\delta}' \tilde{\delta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (2 \tilde{\delta}' \tilde{Y} - \tilde{\delta}' \tilde{V} \tilde{\delta}) + \frac{1}{n} (\tilde{\delta}' \tilde{V}^2 \tilde{\delta} + \tilde{Y}' \tilde{Y} - 2 \tilde{\delta}' \tilde{V} \tilde{Y}) + r_{1n}(\tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{V}) \right]^{1/2} \\ = \Delta + \frac{1}{2\Delta \sqrt{n}} (2 \tilde{\delta}' \tilde{Y} - \tilde{\delta}' \tilde{V} \tilde{\delta}) + \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{1}{2\Delta} (\tilde{\delta}' \tilde{V}^2 \tilde{\delta} + \tilde{Y}' \tilde{Y} - 2 \tilde{\delta}' \tilde{V} \tilde{Y}) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{8\Delta^3} (2 \tilde{\delta}' \tilde{Y} - \tilde{\delta}' \tilde{V} \tilde{\delta})^2 \right] + r_{2n}(\tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{V}),$$

$$(18) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\underline{\delta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \underline{Y} \right)' \left(\underline{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \underline{V} \right)^{-1} \underline{Z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \underline{\delta}' \underline{Z} + \frac{1}{n} (\underline{Y}' \underline{Z} - \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{Z}) + r_{3n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) ,$$

$$(19) \quad \left[\left(\underline{\delta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \underline{Y} \right)' \left(\underline{I} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \underline{V} \right)^{-2} \left(\underline{\delta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \underline{Y} \right) \right]^{-1/2} \\ = \left[\underline{\delta}' \underline{\delta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (2 \underline{\delta}' \underline{Y} - 2 \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta}) + \frac{1}{n} (3 \underline{\delta}' \underline{V}^2 \underline{\delta} + \underline{Y}' \underline{Y} - 4 \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{Y}) + r_{4n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) \right]^{1/2} \\ = \frac{1}{\Delta} - \frac{1}{\Delta^3 \sqrt{n}} (\underline{\delta}' \underline{Y} - \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta}) - \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{1}{2\Delta^3} (3 \underline{\delta}' \underline{V}^2 \underline{\delta} + \underline{Y}' \underline{Y} - 4 \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{Y}) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3}{2\Delta^5} (\underline{\delta}' \underline{Y} - \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta})^2 \right] + r_{5n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) .$$

Here $r_{jn}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$, $j = 1, \dots, 5$ is a remainder term consisting of $1/n^{3/2}$ times a homogeneous polynomial (not depending on n) of degree 3 in the elements of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} plus $1/n^2$ times a homogeneous polynomial of degree 4 plus a remainder term which is $O(n^{-5/2})$ for fixed \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} .

The argument of $\Phi(\cdot)$ in (14) is the product of

$$(20) \quad u\Delta + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{u}{2\Delta} [(2 \underline{\delta}' \underline{Y} - \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta}) + \underline{\delta}' \underline{Z}] + \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{u}{2\Delta} (\underline{\delta}' \underline{V}^2 \underline{\delta} + \underline{Y}' \underline{Y} - 2 \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{Y}) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{u}{8\Delta^3} (2 \underline{\delta}' \underline{Y} - \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta})^2 + \underline{Y}' \underline{Z} - \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{Z} \right] + r_{6n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$$

and (19), which is

$$(21) \quad u + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\frac{u}{2\Delta^2} \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta} + \frac{1}{\Delta} \underline{\delta}' \underline{Z} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \left[\frac{u}{2\Delta} (\underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{Y} - \underline{\delta}' \underline{V}^2 \underline{\delta}) + \frac{u}{\Delta^4} (-\underline{\delta}' \underline{Y} \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta} + \frac{7}{8} (\underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta})^2) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{\Delta} \underline{Y}' \underline{Z} - \frac{1}{\Delta} \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{Z} - \frac{1}{\Delta^3} \underline{\delta}' \underline{Y} \underline{Z}' \underline{\delta} + \frac{1}{\Delta^3} \underline{\delta}' \underline{Z} \underline{\delta}' \underline{V} \underline{\delta} \right] + r_{7n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) \\ = u + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + \frac{1}{n} D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + r_{7n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) ,$$

say [as the definition of $C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ and $D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$] and $r_{6n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ and $r_{7n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ have the same properties as $r_{jn}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$, $j = 1, \dots, 5$.

A Taylor series expansion of $\Phi(\)$ in (14) gives

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} & \Phi\left[u + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + \frac{1}{n} D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + r_{7n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})\right] \\ &= \Phi(u) + \phi(u) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + \frac{1}{n} [D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) - \frac{1}{2} u C^2(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})] \right\} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} r_8(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + \frac{1}{n^2} r_9(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + r_{10n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}), \end{aligned}$$

where $r_8(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ is a homogeneous polynomial (not depending on n but depending on u) of degree 3 in the elements of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} , $r_9(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ is a polynomial of degree 4, and $r_{10n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ is a remainder term, which is $O(n^{-5/2})$ for fixed \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} (and u).

Let J_n be the set of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} such that $|y_i| < 2\sqrt{\log n}$, $|z_i| < 2\sqrt{\log n}$, $i = 1, \dots, p$, and $|v_{ij}| < 2 \log n$, $i, j = 1, \dots, p$.

As shown in the Appendix,

$$(23) \quad \Pr\{J_n\} = 1 - o(n^{-2}).$$

The difference between $\int \Phi(\)$ and the integral of $\Phi(\)$ times the density of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} over J_n is $o(n^{-2})$, because $0 \leq \Phi(\) \leq 1$. In J_n each element of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} divided by \sqrt{n} is less than a constant times $(\log n / \sqrt{n})^5$. Hence

$$(24) \quad r_{10n}(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) < \text{constant} \times \left(\frac{\log n}{\sqrt{n}} \right)^5,$$

and the integral of this times the density of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} over J_n is $o(n^{-2})$.

Since fourth-order absolute moments of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} exist and are bounded, the integral of $r_9(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ times the density of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} over J_n is bounded; hence, the contribution of this term (with the factor n^{-2}) is $O(n^{-2})$.

The differences between $n^{-1/2} \xi C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})$, $n^{-1} [\xi D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) - \frac{1}{2} u C^2(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})]$ and $n^{-3/2} r_8(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ and the integrals over J_n of $n^{-1/2} C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})$, $n^{-1} [D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) - \frac{1}{2} u C^2(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})]$ and $n^{-3/2} r_8(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ times the density of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} , respectively, are $O(n^{-2})$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 (25) \quad \Pr \left\{ \frac{W - \frac{1}{2} a}{\sqrt{a}} \leq u \right\} &= \Phi(u) + \phi(u) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \xi C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + \frac{1}{n} [\xi D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) - \frac{u}{2} \xi C^2(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})] \right\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{n^{3/2}} \xi r_8(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + O(n^{-2}) \\
 &= \Phi(u) + \phi(u) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \xi C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V}) + \frac{1}{n} [\xi D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{u}{2} \xi C^2(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})] \right\} + O(n^{-2}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

because the third-order moments of the elements of \underline{Y} , \underline{Z} , and \underline{V} are either 0 or $O(n^{-2})$.

Since $C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V})$ is linear and homogeneous, $\xi C(\underline{Z}, \underline{V}) = 0$. Since $(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z})$ and \underline{V} are independent

$$\begin{aligned}
 (26) \quad \xi D(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z}, \underline{V}) &= -\frac{u}{\Delta^2} \xi \delta' \underline{V}^2 \delta + \frac{7}{8} \frac{u}{\Delta^4} \xi (\delta' \underline{V} \delta)^2 + \frac{1}{\Delta} \xi \underline{Y}' \underline{Z} - \frac{1}{3} \xi \delta' \underline{Y} \underline{Z}' \delta \\
 &= -\frac{u}{\Delta^2} \Delta^2 (p+1) + \frac{7}{8} \frac{u}{\Delta^4} 2\Delta^4 + \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{n}{N_1} p - \frac{1}{\Delta^3} \Delta^2 \frac{n}{N_1} \\
 &= -(p - \frac{3}{4})u + (p-1) \frac{n}{N_1} \frac{1}{\Delta}
 \end{aligned}$$

since

$$(27) \quad \xi_{\sim} \delta' \tilde{v}^2 \delta = \xi_{\sim} \delta' \tilde{v} \tilde{v}' \delta = \Delta^2 \xi \sum_{i=1}^p v_{1i}^2 = \Delta^2 (\xi v_{11}^2 + \sum_{i=2}^p \xi v_{1i}^2) = \Delta^2 (p+1) ,$$

$$(28) \quad \xi (\delta' \tilde{v} \delta)^2 = \Delta^4 \xi v_{11}^2 = 2\Delta^4 .$$

We have

$$(29) \quad \begin{aligned} \xi C^2(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{V}) &= \frac{u^2}{4\Delta^4} \xi (\delta' \tilde{v} \delta)^2 + \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \xi \delta' \tilde{Z} \tilde{Z}' \delta \\ &= \frac{u^2}{4\Delta^4} \cdot 2\Delta^4 + \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \frac{n}{N_1} \Delta^2 = \frac{1}{2} u^2 + \frac{n}{N_1} . \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(30) \quad \xi D(\tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{V}) - \frac{u}{2} \xi C^2(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{V}) = (p-1) \frac{n}{N_1} \frac{1}{\Delta} - (p - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{n}{N_1}) u - \frac{1}{4} u^3 .$$

Replacing n/N_1 by its limit $1+k$, we have

$$(31) \quad \Pr \left\{ \frac{W-a}{\sqrt{a}} \leq u \right\} = \Phi(u) + \frac{1}{n} \phi(u) \left[\frac{(p-1)}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (1+k) - (p - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} k) u - \frac{1}{4} u^3 \right] + o(n^{-2})$$

when $\xi_{\sim} x = \mu^{(1)}$. Interchanging N_1 and N_2 gives

$$(32) \quad \Pr \left\{ \frac{W + \frac{1}{2} a}{\sqrt{a}} \leq v \right\} = \Phi(v) - \frac{1}{n} \phi(v) \left[\frac{p-1}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (1 + \frac{1}{k}) + (p - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2k}) v + \frac{1}{4} v^3 \right] + o(n^{-2}) ,$$

when $\xi_{\sim} x = \mu^{(2)}$.

3. Discussion

If $N_1 = N_2$ and costs of misclassification are equal, the minimax classification procedure is defined by the cut-off point 0 for W ; a cut-off point different from 0 will increase one probability of misclassification and decrease the other. The inequality $W \leq 0$ is equivalent to $(W - \frac{1}{2} a)/\sqrt{a} \leq -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a}$, and $-\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a}$ estimates $-\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a} = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta$. For most purposes, then, one is interested in $u \leq 0$. Then the correction term to $\Phi(u)$ is nonpositive; use of the normal approximation alone tends to underestimate the probability of misclassification. The correction term decreases as the distance Δ between the two populations increases if $p > 1$ and for nonpositive u the correction term increases with the number of coordinates p (for fixed Δ).

The expansions of $\Pr\{(W - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a})/\sqrt{a} \leq u | \mu = \mu^{(1)}\}$ and $\Pr\{(W + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a})/\sqrt{a} \leq u | \mu = \mu^{(2)}\}$ given by Okamoto (1963) can be obtained by the method of this paper. It is interesting that the expansions for $(W \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a})/\sqrt{a}$ here are much simpler than the expansions for $(W \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a})/\sqrt{a}$ as given by Okamoto. At $\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a}$ (corresponding to the cut-off point 0) the correction term of order $1/n$ to the probability for $(W \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a})/\sqrt{a}$ is about $\frac{1}{2}$ as much as for $(W \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a})/\sqrt{a}$.

As indicated in the introduction, the statistician may want to use the evaluation of $\Pr\{(W - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a})/\sqrt{a} \leq u\}$ in order to set the cut-off point $c = u\sqrt{a} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a}$ in order to obtain a specified probability of misclassification or at least approximate a specified probability. The crudest approximation is to take u so $\Phi(u)$ is the specified probability.

This approximation, however, is not very good; the error of the approximation is evaluated above to order $1/n^{3/2}$. The error depends on the unknown parameter if $p > 1$. To get a better approximation let $\Phi(u+\Delta u)$ be the specified probability, where

$$\Delta u = -\frac{1}{n} \frac{(p-1)(1+k)}{\sqrt{a}} - \left(p - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}k\right)u - \frac{1}{4}u^3.$$

Then the actual probability is the specified one with an error of order $n^{-3/2}$ (because \sqrt{a} is $\sqrt{\alpha}$ with an error of order $n^{-1/2}$).

For further discussion, see Anderson (1972).

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APPENDIX

To control the errors of approximation we define the set J_n by $|y_j| < 2\sqrt{\log n}$, $|z_j| < 2\sqrt{\log n}$, $j = 1, \dots, p$, and $|v_{ij}| < 2 \log n$, $i, j = 1, \dots, p$. We want to show $\Pr\{J_n\} = 1 - o(n^{-2})$.

We have when $\Sigma = I$

$$\begin{aligned} (A.1) \quad \Pr\{|y_j| > 2\sqrt{\log n}\} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{2\sqrt{\log n}}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv \\ &< \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}(2\sqrt{\log n})^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi \log n}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{2\pi \log n}} \\ &= o(n^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

by use of Mill's ratio. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A.2) \quad \Pr\{|y_j| < 2\sqrt{\log n}, |z_j| < 2 \log n, j = 1, \dots, p\} \\ = 1 - o(n^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

Now consider $\tilde{V} = (v_{ij})$. The moment generating function of $n\tilde{S}$ when $\tilde{\Sigma} = I$ is

$$\begin{aligned} (A.3) \quad \mathbb{E} e^{\text{tr} \Theta n \tilde{S}} &= \mathbb{E} e^{n \sum_{i,j=1}^p \theta_{ij} s_{ij}} \\ &= |\tilde{I} - 2\Theta|^{-1/2 n} \end{aligned}$$

where $\Theta = \Theta'$. We use the Tchebycheff-type inequality [Chernoff (1952), for example] for an arbitrary random variable X and $\theta > 0$

$$(A.4) \quad e^{-\theta a} \int_0^\infty e^{\theta X} = \int_0^\infty e^{\theta(X-a)} \geq \Pr\{X \geq a\}.$$

Then

$$(A.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \Pr\{v_{ii} > 2 \log n\} &= \Pr\{\sqrt{n} s_{ii} - \sqrt{n} > 2 \log n\} \\ &= \Pr\{n s_{ii} > n + 2\sqrt{n} \log n\} \\ &\leq (1-2\theta)^{-1/2} n e^{-\theta(n+2\sqrt{n} \log n)} \end{aligned}$$

for $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}$. Let $\theta = k/\sqrt{n}$, where $k > 1$. For $n > 4k^2$

$$(A.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \Pr\{v_{ii} > 2 \log n\} &\leq (1-2k/\sqrt{n})^{-1/2} n e^{-2k \log n - k\sqrt{n}} \\ &\leq \text{constant} \times e^{-2k \log n} \\ &= O(n^{-2k}) \\ &= o(n^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\Pr\{-v_{ii} > 2 \log n\} = o(n^{-2})$. We have for $i \neq j$

$$(A.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \Pr\{v_{ij} > 2 \log n\} &= \Pr\{\sqrt{n} s_{ij} > 2 \log n\} \\ &= \Pr\{n s_{ij} > 2\sqrt{n} \log n\} \\ &\leq e^{-\theta 2\sqrt{n} \log n} (1-\theta^2)^{-1/2} n \end{aligned}$$

for $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}$. Let $\theta = k/\sqrt{n}$, where $k > 1$. For $n > 4k^2$

$$(A.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \Pr\{v_{ij} > 2 \log n\} &\leq \text{constant} \times e^{-2k \log n} \\ &= o(n^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\Pr\{-v_{ij} > 2 \log n\} = o(n^{-2})$. Then

$$(A.9) \quad \Pr\{|v_{ij}| < 2 \log n, i, j = 1, \dots, p\} = 1 - o(n^{-2}).$$

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